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**CALDWELL COUNTY MAN SENTENCED
ON MACHINE GUN CHARGES**

David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, announced today that **ANDREW P. LESTER** of 2924 State Route 1272, Princeton, Kentucky, **was sentenced** in United States District Court, Paducah Division, for knowingly possessing an unregistered machine gun in Caldwell County, Kentucky.

Thomas B. Russell, Judge, United States District Court, sentenced **Lester** to 2 years and 3 months imprisonment, plus 2 years supervised release following incarceration. **There is no parole in the federal judicial system.**

Lester was found guilty by a federal jury on January 21, 2005, after a two-day trial. He was charged with possession of a Sten MKII type submachine gun on November 6, 2002, after a search of his premises by law enforcement authorities. The weapon had fully automatic firing capability, and it should not have been possessed by **Lester**. Testimony at trial also revealed that the gun had not been registered in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer record.

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The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney David Sparks and was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Kentucky State Police, and the Pennyrile Narcotics Task Force.

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